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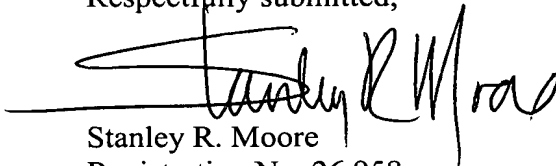
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	C1	International Search Report prepared by ISA/SE in connection with PCT/NO98/00347 and completed on September 24, 1999 (2 pages)					
	C2	International Preliminary Examination Report prepared by IPEA/SE in connection with PCT/NO98/00347 and completed on May 31, 2000 (8 pages including Amended Sheets).					
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